

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 3/2/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 20-26, 28-31, 39-45, 47-49 and 57-69 (renumbered as claims 1-11, 19-28, 12, 13, 29, 14, 15, 30, 31, 16, 32, 17, 33, 18 and 34, respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 5/20/03 and 5/20/99 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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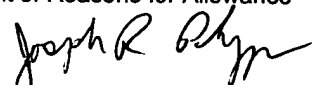
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 3/2/05 has been entered.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendments, received on 3/2/05 and 12/27/05, have been entered and made of record. Currently, **claims 20-26, 28-31, 39-45, 47-49, and 57-69** are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. **Claims 20-26, 28-31, 39-45, 47-49, and 57-69** are allowed (**renumbered as claims 1-11, 19-28, 12, 13, 29, 14, 15, 30, 31, 16, 32, 17, 33, 18, and 34, respectively**).

Regarding **claims 20 and 39 (renumbered claims 1 and 19, respectively)**, in the examiner's opinion, it would not have been obvious to have the apparatus and method, as claimed, include the features of transmitting an input screen associated with the address book to a terminal apparatus via a network in response to an instruction from the terminal apparatus, with the input screen enabling modification of a destination address, and further having menu items being utilized to request the communication apparatus to transmit an input screen for changing a

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content of the address book. The closest prior art, previously noted as Endo (U.S. Patent Number 6,801,340) and Huang *et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2003/0097361), as well as the newly cited reference of Franklin *et al.* (U.S. Patent Number 6,125,352), each fail to teach these features.

Particularly, Endo teaches in columns 9 and 10 of transmitting an address book to an external computer through a network. However, Endo but lacks teaching of transmitting an input screen in response to an instruction by the external device, and if the address book is transmitted along with menu items displayed as a single image, whereby the menu items are utilized to request an input screen for changing the content of the address book. Huang teaches of displaying an address book together with menu items, as seen in Figs. 5A and 5B, but lacks teaching of having the menu items being utilized to request the communication apparatus to transmit an input screen for changing a content of the address book. The reference of Franklin teaches of displaying an address book together with options for editing the addresses, seen in Fig. 11. However, Franklin's consumer shopping method stores the address book on the consumer's computer, as seen in Fig. 1. Because of this, Franklin lacks teaching of transmitting an input screen to an external device, in response to an instruction by an external device. Further, Franklin does not teach if the address book and menu items are displayed as one image on the external device. Because of this, the examiner can find no motivation to combine Franklin's address book editing features with Endo or Huang to achieve the claimed invention. Therefore, because of the features added in the amendment dated 3/2/05, the claims are rendered allowable.

Drawings

4. The drawings received on 5/20/99, along with the corrected sheets received on 5/20/03, are acceptable by the examiner.

Citation of Pertinent Prior Art

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Friend (U.S. Patent Number 6,728,757) discloses an electronic mail system having an address book;

Franklin et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,125,352) discloses a consumer shopping method; and

Solimene et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,828,376) discloses a menu control system in a graphical user interface.

Conclusion

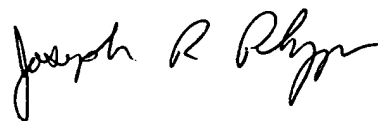
6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joe Pokrzywa whose telephone number is (571) 272-7410. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402.

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